SURAH OF AL-MUZZAMMIL

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THE BACKGROUND1

The Meaning of Muzammil[1]

The name Muzammil is derived from the Arabic root word “zammil,” which means “to wrap” or “to cover oneself.” Muzammil is often interpreted to mean “the one who is wrapped in garments” or “the one who is covered.” It carries positive connotations related to being enveloped in a protective or spiritual covering.

Surah Al-Muzzammil is the 73rd chapter (Surah) of the Quran. It contains 20 Ayahs (verses). The surah is named after the first verse in which the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon

The Theme of Surah Al-Muzammil[1]

The key themes and messages in Surah Al-Muzzammil include:

1. Night Prayer (Tahajjud): The surah begins with Allah instructing the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) to pray at night, standing in worship for a significant portion of the night.
2. Recitation of the Quran: The Prophet is advised to recite the Quran in a slow, measured, and distinct manner during the night prayer.

3. Preparation for Prophethood: The surah emphasizes the importance of preparing for the responsibilities of prophethood through prayer, reflection, and devotion.

4. Patience and Steadfastness: The surah encourages patience and perseverance in the face of opposition and difficulties.

5. The Majesty of Allah: It highlights the majesty and greatness of Allah, who is aware of all actions and intentions.

The Context of Surah Al-Muzammil[1]

Surah Al-Muzzammil was revealed in the early years of Prophet Muhammad’s mission in Mecca. During this period, the Prophet faced opposition and challenges from various quarters, as the message of monotheism and the call to abandon idol worship were met with resistance. The surah was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to provide guidance and support during a crucial phase of his prophetic mission.

The context of the revelation includes the Prophet’s deep contemplation and devotion to Allah, seeking solace and strength through night prayers. Allah instructs the Prophet to engage in extended night prayers (Tahajjud) and to recite the Quran in a measured and distinct manner during these moments of intense spiritual connection. This guidance was meant to spiritually fortify the Prophet for the challenges he was facing and prepare him for the responsibilities of conveying the divine message.

General Benefits of Surah Al-Muzammil1

Surah Al-Muzzammil is a spiritually significant surah of the Quran, and numerous benefits are associated with reciting and reflecting upon it. While individual beliefs and experiences may vary, some common benefits of Surah Al-Muzzammil include:

1. Spiritual Upliftment:

Reciting Surah Al-Muzzammil brings a sense of spiritual peace and tranquility. The emphasis on night prayers and the measured recitation of the Quran can contribute to a heightened spiritual connection.

2. Increased Focus in Prayer:

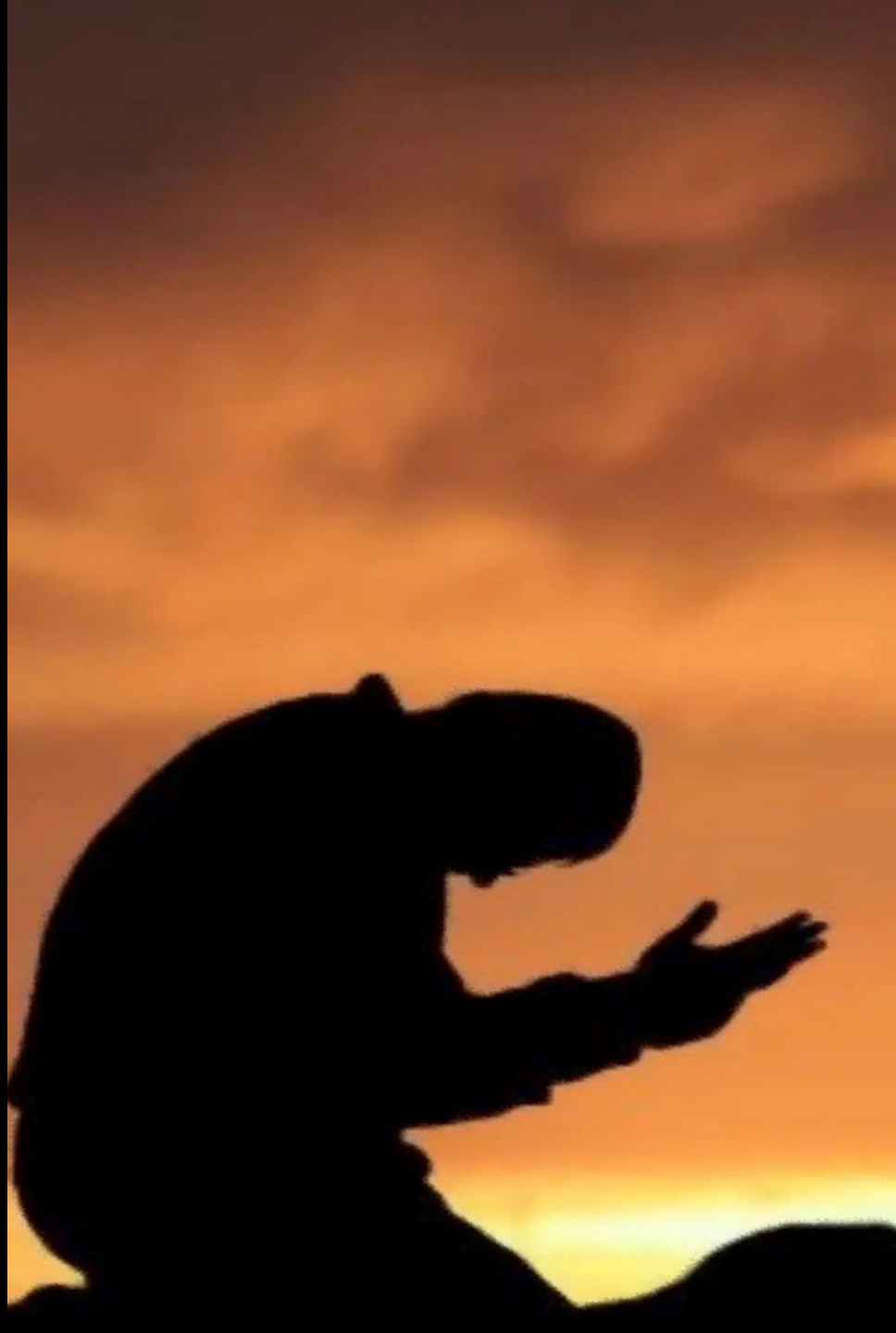
The surah encourages believers to engage in night prayers and recite the Quran in a measured tone. Practicing this can lead to increased concentration and focus during prayers, fostering a deeper connection with Allah.

3. Patience and Perseverance:

The surah emphasizes the qualities of patience and perseverance, which are considered virtues in Islam. Believers recite this surah seeking strength to endure challenges and remain steadfast in their faith.

4. Preparation for Responsibilities:

As Surah Al-Muzzammil was revealed during a critical phase of Prophet Muhammad’s mission, it symbolizes preparation for the responsibilities of prophethood. Reciting it is seen as seeking strength and guidance in fulfilling one’s duties.



5. Protection from Harm:

Muslims turn to Surah Al-Muzzammil for protection from physical and spiritual harm. It is a means of seeking Allah’s safeguarding against difficulties and adversities.

6. Cleansing of Sins:

Like other chapters of the Quran, recitation of Surah Al-Muzzammil contributes to the forgiveness of sins and the purification of the soul. Seeking forgiveness and mercy from Allah is a common intention while reciting this surah

Conclusion

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Surah Al-Muzammil offers a rich tapestry of spiritual guidance, emphasizing devotion, patience, and preparation for life’s challenges. Understanding its profound meaning, themes, and historical context unlocks a source of profound benefits for those seeking spiritual enrichment and guidance in their journey.

THE AYAT IN DETAILS2

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلْمُزَّمِّلُ ١

O you wrapped in your clothes!

Stand all night
[in prayer]
except a little
—

نِّصۡفَهُۥٓ أَوِ ٱنقُصۡ مِنۡهُ قَلِيلًا

□pray□ half the night, or a little less,

أَوْ زِدْ عَلَيْهِ وَرَتِّلِ ٱلْقُرْءَانَ تَرْتِيلًا ٤

or a little more —and recite the Quran properly in a measured way.

﴿٣﴾ أَوْ زِدْ عَلَيْهِ وَرَتِّلِ ٱلْقُرْءَانَ تَرْتِيلًا ﴿٤﴾ إِنَّا سَنُلْقِى عَلَيْكَ قَوْلًا
ثَقِيلًا ﴿٥﴾ إِنَّ نَاشِئَةَ ٱلَّيْلِ هِىَ أَشَدُّ وَطْـًٔا وَأَقْوَمُ قِيلًا ﴿٦﴾ إِنَّ لَكَ فِى

For We will soon send upon you a weighty revelation.

إِنَّ نَاشِئَةَ ٱلَّيۡلِ هِيَ أَشَدُّ وَطۡئٗا وَأَقۡوَمُ قِيلٗا ٦

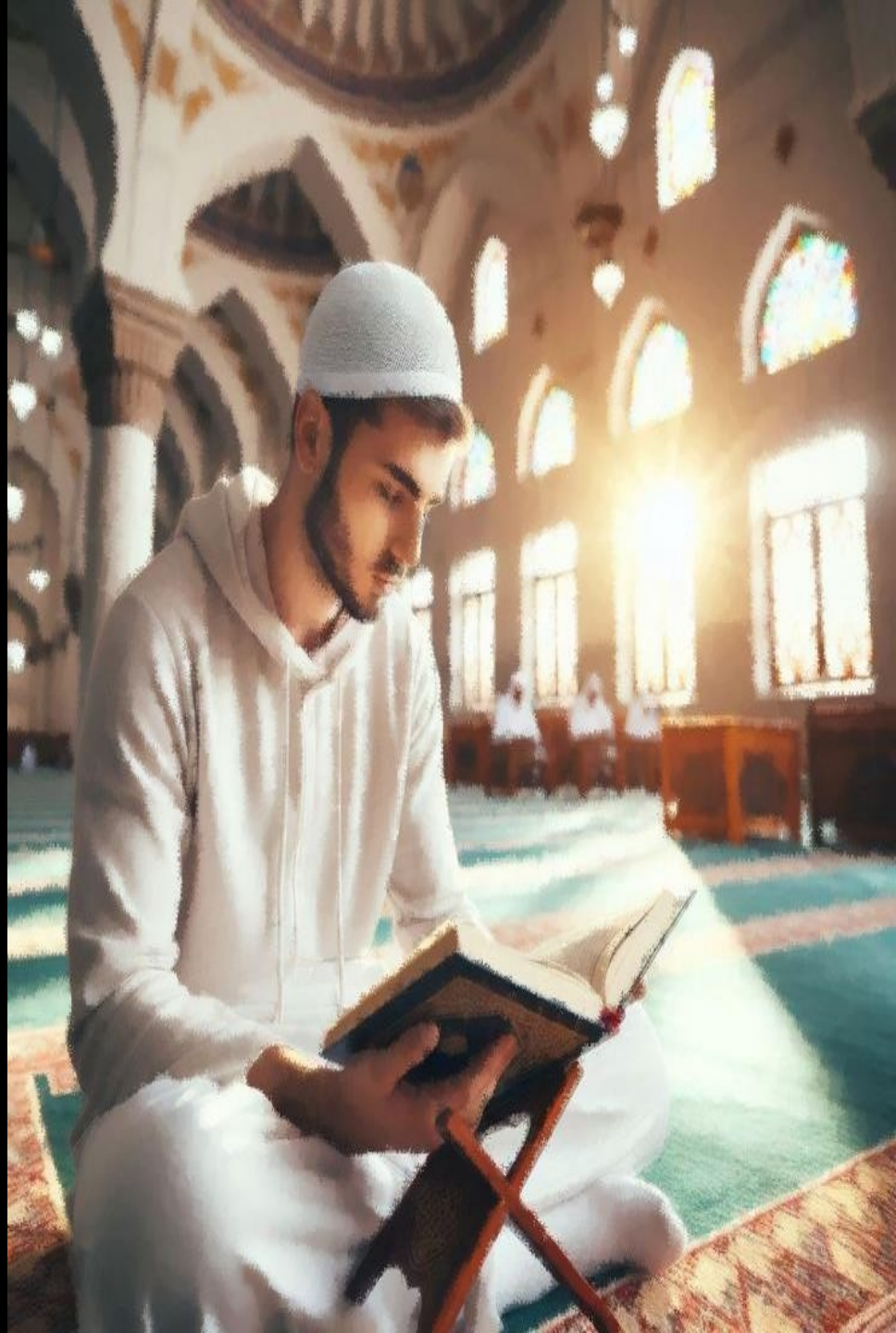
Indeed, worship in the night is more impactful and suitable for recitation.

ثَقِيلًا ﴿٥﴾ إِنَّ نَاشِئَةَ ٱلَّيْلِ هِيَ أَشَدُّ وَطْئًا وَأَقْوَمُ قِيلًا ﴿٦﴾ إِنَّ لَكَ فِي
ٱلنَّهَارِ سَبْحًا طَوِيلًا ﴿٧﴾ وَٱذْكُرِ ٱسْمَ رَبِّكَ وَتَبَتَّلْ إِلَيْهِ تَبْتِيلًا ﴿٨﴾

For during the day you are over-occupied with worldly duties.

وَٱذۡكُرِ ٱسۡمَ رَبِّكَ وَتَبَتَّلۡ إِلَيۡهِ تَبۡتِيلًا ٨

Always remember the Name of your Lord, and devote yourself to Him wholeheartedly.



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He is the
Lord of the east
and the west.
There is no god
worthy of
worship
except Him, so
take Him
alone as a
Trustee of
Affairs.

رَبُّ ٱلْمَشْرِقِ وَٱلْمَغْرِبِ لَآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَٱتَّخِذْهُ وَكِيلًا ﴿٩﴾ وَٱصْبِرْ
عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَٱهْجُرْهُمْ هَجْرًا جَمِيلًا ﴿١٠﴾ وَذَرْنِى وَٱلْمُكَذِّبِينَ

Be patient O Prophet with what they say, and depart from them courteously.

عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَٱهۡجُرۡهُمۡ هَجۡرٗا جَمِيلٗا ١٠ وَذَرۡنِي وَٱلۡمُكَذِّبِينَ
أُوْلِي ٱلنَّعۡمَةِ وَمَهِّلۡهُمۡ قَلِيلًا ١١ إِنَّ لَدَيۡنَآ أَنكَالٗا وَجَحِيمٗا ١٢

And leave to Me the deniers —the people of luxury—and bear with them for a little while.

إِنَّ لَدَيْنَآ أَنكَالًا وَجَحِيمًا ﴿١٢﴾

For We certainly have shackles, a raging Fire,

وَطَعَامًا ذَا غُصَّةٍ وَعَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ﴿١٣﴾

choking food,
and a painful
punishment
in store for
them

وَطَعَامًا ذَا غُصَّةٍ وَعَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ﴿١٣﴾ يَوْمَ تَرْجُفُ الْأَرْضُ وَالْجِبَالُ
وَكَانَتِ الْجِبَالُ كَثِيبًا مَّهِيلًا ﴿١٤﴾ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ رَسُولًا شَاهِدًا

on the Day the earth and mountains will shake [violently], and mountains will be [reduced to] dunes of shifting sand.

وَكَانَتِ ٱلْجِبَالُ كَثِيبًا مَّهِيلًا ﴿١٤﴾ إِنَّآ أَرْسَلْنَآ إِلَيْكُمْ رَسُولًا شَٰهِدًا
عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَآ أَرْسَلْنَآ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ رَسُولًا ﴿١٥﴾ فَعَصَىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ ٱلرَّسُولَ

Indeed, We have sent to you a messenger as a witness over you, just as We sent a messenger to Pharaoh.

عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَآ أَرْسَلْنَآ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ رَسُولًا ﴿١٥﴾ فَعَصَىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ ٱلرَّسُولَ
فَأَخَذْنَٰهُ أَخْذًا وَبِيلًا ﴿١٦﴾ فَكَيْفَ تَتَّقُونَ إِن كَفَرْتُمْ يَوْمًا

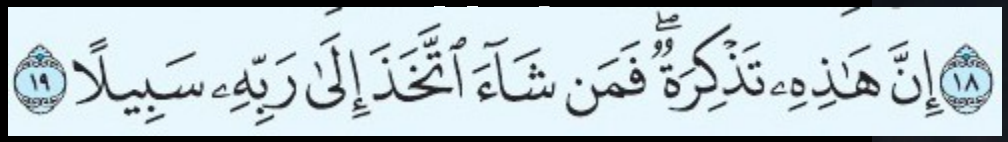
But Pharaoh disobeyed the messenger, so We seized him with a stern grip.

فَأَخَذْنَٰهُ أَخْذًا وَبِيلًا ﴿١٦﴾ فَكَيْفَ تَتَّقُونَ إِن كَفَرْتُمْ يَوْمًا
يَجْعَلُ ٱلْوِلْدَٰنَ شِيبًا ﴿١٧﴾ ٱلسَّمَآءُ مُنفَطِرٌۢ بِهِۦ ۚ كَانَ وَعْدُهُۥ مَفْعُولًا

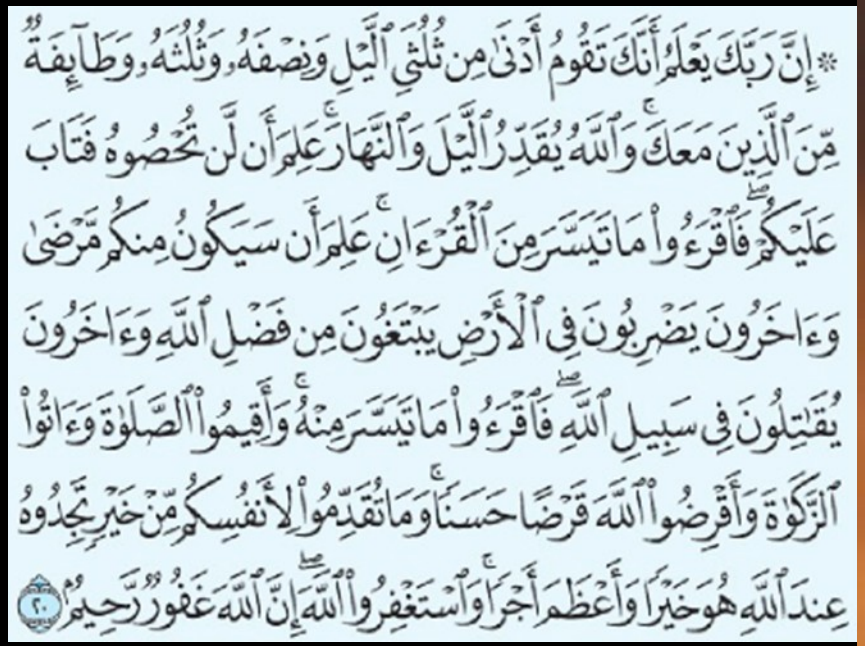
If you [pagans] persist in disbelief, then how will you guard yourselves against [the horrors of] a Day which will turn children's hair grey?

ٱلسَّمَآءُ مُنفَطِرٌۢ بِهِۦ ۚ كَانَ وَعۡدُهُۥ مَفۡعُولًا

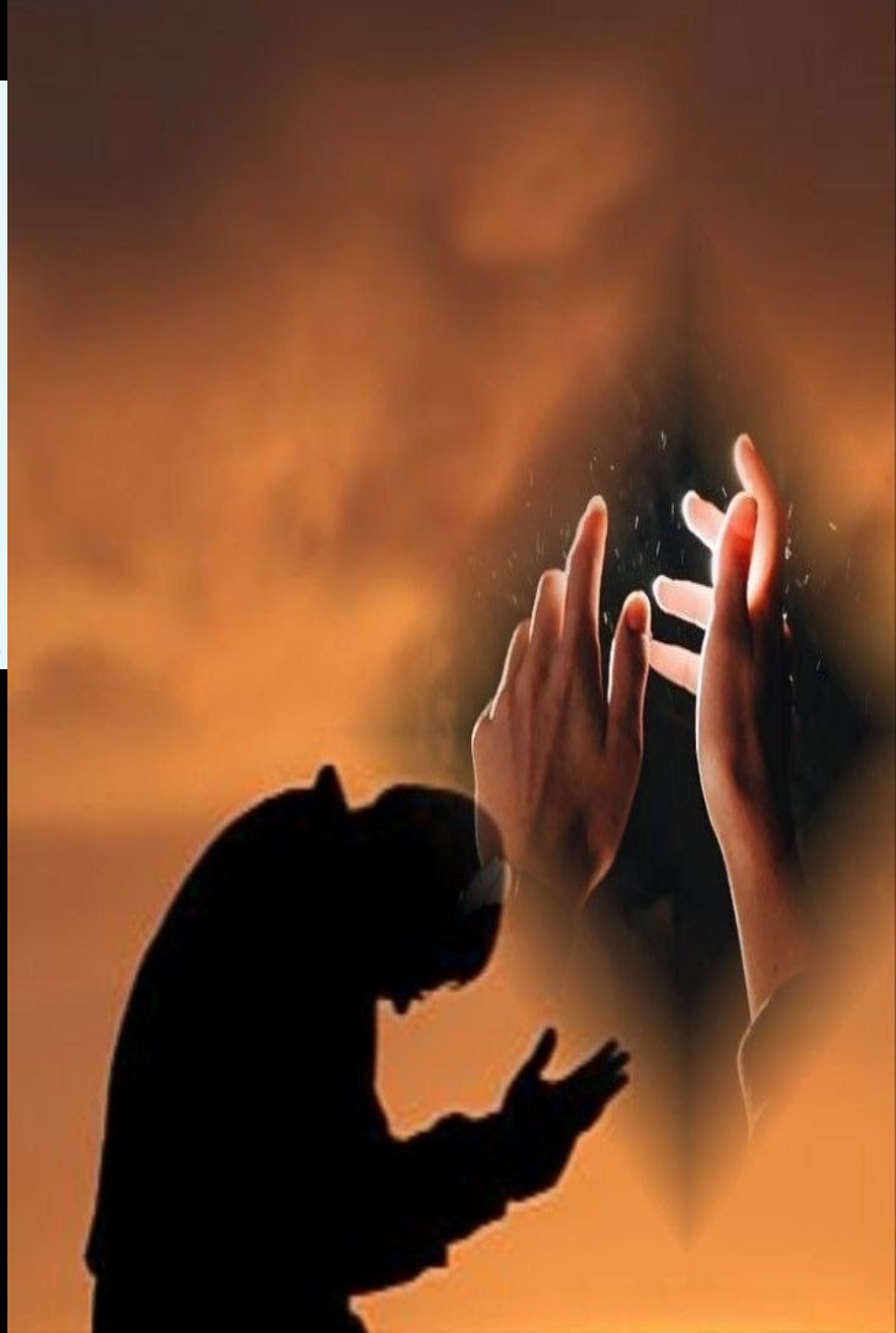
It will even cause the sky to split apart. His promise of judgment must be fulfilled.



Surely this is a reminder. So let whoever wills take the Right Way to their Lord.


إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ تَقُومُ أَدْنَىٰ مِن ثُلُثَيِ ٱلَّيْلِ وَنِصْفَهُۥ وَثُلُثَهُۥ وَطَآئِفَةٌ
مِّنَ ٱلَّذِينَ مَعَكَ ۚ وَٱللَّهُ يُقَدِّرُ ٱلَّيْلَ وَٱلنَّهَارَ ۚ عَلِمَ أَن لَّن تُحْصُوهُ فَتَابَ
عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ فَٱقْرَءُوا۟ مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنَ ٱلْقُرْءَانِ ۚ عَلِمَ أَن سَيَكُونُ مِنكُم مَّرْضَىٰ
وَءَاخَرُونَ يَضْرِبُونَ فِى ٱلْأَرْضِ يَبْتَغُونَ مِن فَضْلِ ٱللَّهِ وَءَاخَرُونَ
يُقَٰتِلُونَ فِى سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ ۖ فَٱقْرَءُوا۟ مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنْهُ ۚ وَأَقِيمُوا۟ ٱلصَّلَوٰةَ وَءَاتُوا۟
ٱلزَّكَوٰةَ وَأَقْرِضُوا۟ ٱللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا ۚ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا۟ لِأَنفُسِكُم مِّنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ
عِندَ ٱللَّهِ هُوَ خَيْرًا وَأَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا ۚ وَٱسْتَغْفِرُوا۟ ٱللَّهَ ۖ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ٢٠

Surely your Lord knows that you [O Prophet] stand [in prayer] for nearly two-thirds of the night, or [sometimes] half of it, or a third, as do some of those with you. Allah [alone] keeps a [precise] measure of the day and night. He knows that you [believers] are unable to endure this, and has turned to you in mercy.[1]



Footnote - 1

This passage lightens the ruling mentioned in 73:2-4. So from now on, the believers do not have to stick to any of the portions specified at the beginning of this sûrah. Rather, they can pray whatever they can at night.

So recite [in prayer] whatever you can from the Quran. He knows that some of you will be sick, some will be travelling throughout the land seeking Allah’s bounty, and some fighting in the cause of Allah. So recite whatever you can from it. And [continue to] perform [regular] prayers, pay alms-tax, and lend to Allah a good loan.2

Footnote - 2

i.e., giving for charity and good causes.

Whatever good you send forth for yourselves, you will find it with Allah far better and more rewarding.[3] And seek Allah’s forgiveness. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Footnote - 3

The reward for your charity will be far better than what you left behind or what you have given in charity because it will be rewarded ten-fold, or even 700-fold, and Allah gives more to whoever He wills. See 2:261.

EXERCISE
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1. Knowledge (Remembering)

1. What is the meaning of the word "Muzzammil"?
2. In which part of the Quran is Surah Al-Muzzammil located?
3. How many verses are there in Surah Al-Muzzammil?

2. Comprehension (Understanding)

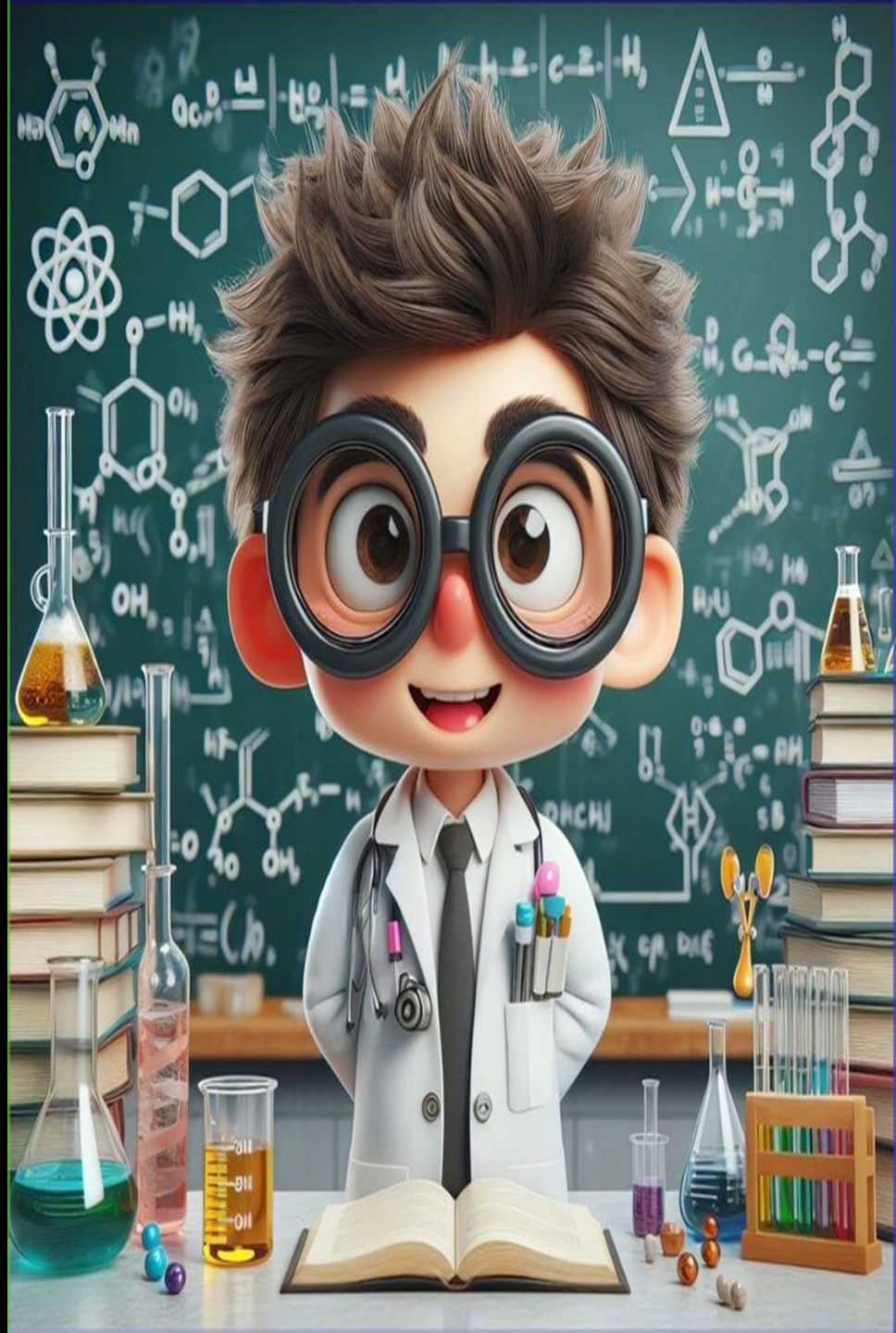
1. Why does Allah command the Prophet (PBUH) to stand in prayer at night?
2. What is the main message of Surah Al-Muzzammil regarding patience and worship?
3. How does this Surah describe the importance of reciting the Quran properly?

3. Application (Using Knowledge)

1. How can we apply the teachings of Surah Al-Muzzammil in our daily prayers?
2. What lessons from this Surah can be used to develop patience in difficult times?
3. In what ways can night prayer (Tahajjud) impact a person’s spiritual and personal life?

4. Analysis (Breaking Down Information)

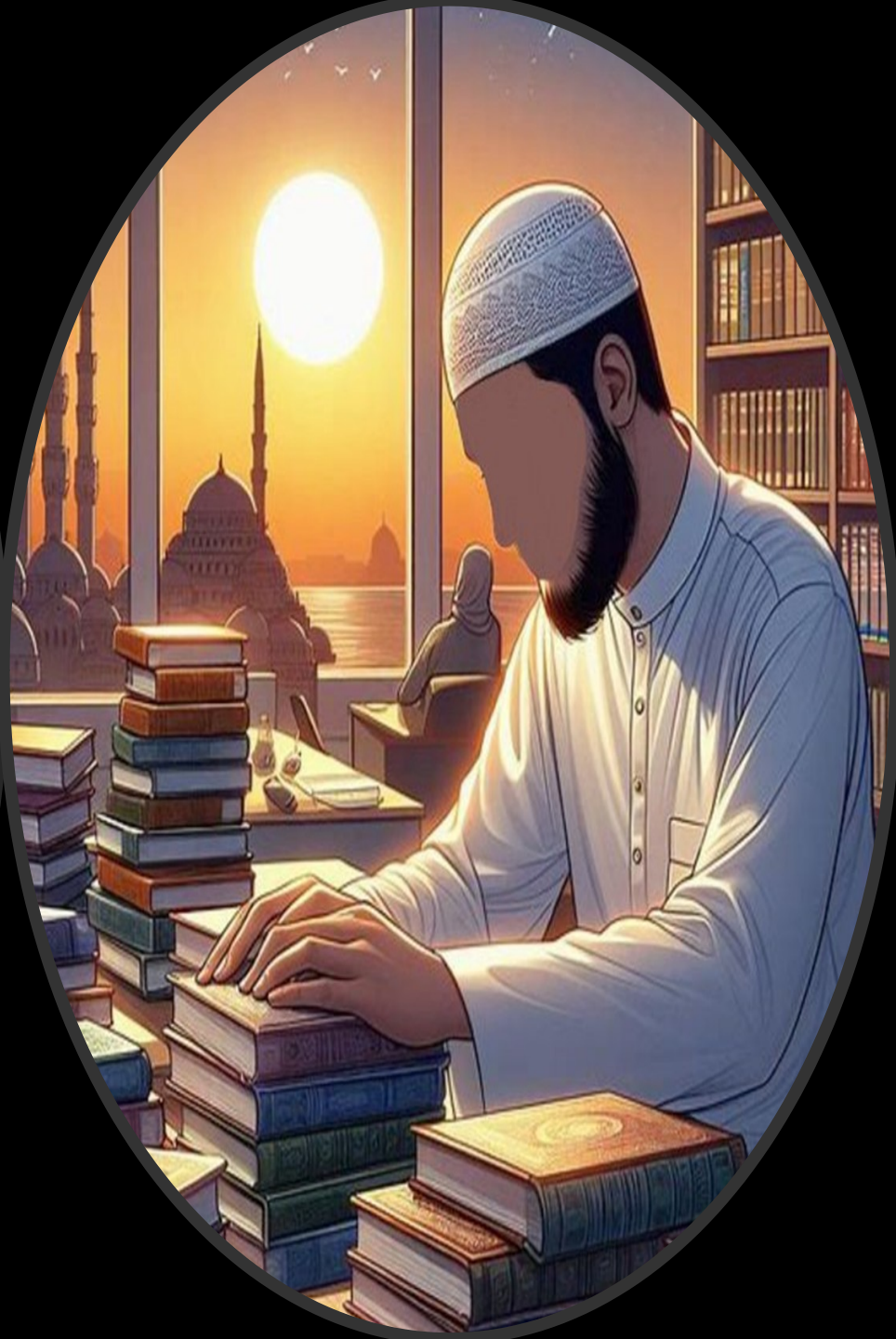
1. What is the connection between night prayer and spiritual strength according to this Surah?
2. How does the second part of the Surah (verses 20) balance worship with worldly responsibilities?
3. How does the Surah emphasize both personal devotion and community responsibilities?



5. Synthesis (Creating New Ideas)

1. If you were to give a speech on the importance of night prayer, how would you use Surah Al-Muzzammil to support your message?
2. How can we design a plan for incorporating the lessons of this Surah into a daily routine?
3. How would you explain the significance of Surah Al-Muzzammil to someone unfamiliar with Islam?

6. Evaluation (Judging and Justifying)

1. Why do you think Allah emphasizes night prayer so much in this Surah?
2. Do you think the balance between prayer and worldly responsibilities mentioned in Surah Al-Muzzammil is practical in today's world? Why or why not?
3. How does Surah Al-Muzzammil compare to other Surahs that emphasize patience and devotion?

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